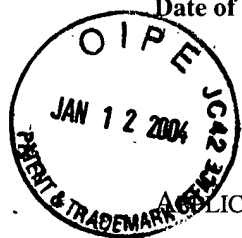


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This amendment and response is being filed in connection with a Request for Continuing Examination ("RCE") filed herewith under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. This amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 10, 2003 in the above-referenced application. This response is accompanied by a Request for a Three Month Extension of Time, therefore the response is due January 10, 2004 a Saturday therefore January 12, 2004 and is hereby timely filed.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Specification are shown starting on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks are shown starting on page 4 of this paper.